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Scrap Harvest Is State's Answer In Dire Steel Crisis

Pennsylvania's Scrap Harvest campaign, opening this week, will provide the determined answer of this state to a plea by war production officials to "get in the scrap" to avert a shutdown of steel mill furnaces next winter.

The campaign, lasting from September 15 to 30, will reach into every farm and home in the state to collect all remaining scrap metal and rubber. Official salvage depots have been established and committee members named to canvass every farm.

"Officials in Washington have warned," said Warren R. Roberts, newly-named chairman of the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Salvage, "that many steel furnaces will have to close down unless a backlog of scrap iron and steel is built up. Pennsylvania must work hard to raise its quota of 3,000,000 pounds of scrap metal before Christmas."

Rallies Held

In many communities, the opening of the Scrap Harvest was accompanied by "junk rallies" and parades. The Reading Fair offered free admissions to persons donating 50 pounds of scrap, and similar promotions were staged elsewhere.

Other developments speeding up the general Salvage Program included:

Announcement of a National School Salvage project, to start October 5. Frank Fish, of the Department of Public Instruction, was named to head the drive in Pennsylvania.

Closer cooperation between Salvage Committees and newspapers. Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the Advisory Salvage Committee, conferred with publishers last week to arrange details.

Extension of tin can collections to suburban counties in the Philadelphia area, as arranged at a regional meeting there.

Meanwhile, a report to the Advisory Salvage Committee showed that a special salvage program in 43 State institutions has yielded more than 2500 tons of scrap metal and 10 tons of rubber.

Warren R. Roberts (above), former State Auditor General, has been elected chairman of the State Council of Defense Advisory Committee on Salvage. He succeeds Major John S. Rice, now serving in the Air Corps.

Plans Underway For V-Home Drive

With distribution of the booklet "What Can I Do" still underway, Councils of Defense will be asked this month to join in another national Civilian Defense promotion—the V-Home campaign.

Millions of window stickers captioned "This Is A V-Home" are being printed by the OCD and will be sent to Councils of Defense along with instructions telling air raid wardens how to award them.

National radio and magazine publicity will stress the qualifications for award, based on five questions which the wardens are to ask each household. The questions deal with the home's participation in community war activities and its compliance with air raid protection requirements.

A limited supply of stickers will be sent to each Council of Defense, after which further supplies will be sent on request.

The booklet "What Can I Do" was released to Councils of Defense ten days ago, and is intended for wide distribution to homes.

NEED STRESSED FOR TRAINING COURSES, MORE C.D.V. OFFICES

Intensified activities for this fall, including the establishment of more Civilian Defense Volunteer Offices and the opening of new training courses, were forecast by Dr. A. C. Marts, Executive Director of the State Council of Defense, at two staff conferences held this month.

The need for Volunteer Offices in at least twice as many communities in Pennsylvania as now have them was emphasized at both sessions, one of which was attended by State OPA Director R. F. Ashenfelter and members of his staff from Philadelphia.

Heavy Burden

Volunteer Offices have increased in recent weeks to a total of 132, located in 56 counties, but the burden of recruiting volunteers for the Citizens Defense Corps, for community war services, and also for OPA projects, makes it imperative, said Dr. Marts, that a C.D.V.O. be set up in every sizeable town.

The OPA will continue to call on Councils of Defense for the following types of volunteers, it was decided:

1. Volunteers to assist local War Price and Rationing Boards in clerical and filing work.

2. Volunteers to help on special projects, such as the current landlord registrations in the Lehigh-Northampton and Venango-Crawford areas.

3. Persons nominated by County Councils of Defense to serve as Rationing Board members.

Following this conference, the S.C.D. drew up a list of communities where it is desired that Volunteer Offices be opened. Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg and Mrs. Kathryn Flohr will be available from the State headquarters to help organize new offices.

Referring to training courses, Dr. Marts pointed out that the new Special Duty Manual for

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400,000 DISTRIBUTED

Approximately 400,000 copies of the OCD First Aid Handbook have been distributed to county and local Council of Defense offices in Pennsylvania. The aim is to have one copy of the handbook in every home.

Advise Uniform Violation Plan

The State Council of Defense recommended last week that special committees be set up by county or Local Councils of Defense to sift all complaints of blackout violations and decide which should be prosecuted.

The plan, endorsed by Deputy Attorney General Harrington Adams, is designed to promote uniformity of enforcement and to prevent the operation of "fining mills."

Successful variations of the committee plan already are operating in some counties. In Allegheny County, 29 "neighborhood courts" have been set up, while in Philadelphia hearings are being concentrated in a special blackout court presided over by Judge Harry S. McDevitt. A central committee has been established at Wilkes-Barre to pass on Luzerne County violations.

DR. POLING CALLED AS ARMY CHAPLAIN

Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chairman of the State Council of Defense Advisory Committee on American Unity, has been called to active service as a major in the Army chaplain service.

Still active in the American Unity program, Dr. Poling reported that the confidence and morale of Army men is "superb" and urged that civilians "emulate the industry and singleness of purpose exhibited by the men in the armed forces."

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NEED STRESSED FOR TRAINING

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Air Raid Wardens has been distributed and that advanced training for air raid wardens should be started in every county this fall. New manuals will be ready soon for Auxiliary Police, Fire Watchers, and Control Center Telephonists, and the S.C.D. has obtained copies of a new Boy Scout manual which can be used in training messengers.

Need Appointments

Another activity described as needing immediate attention was the appointment of county and local leaders for a number of programs, including Evacuation and Welfare, Service Corps, and Auxiliary Group. Regional representatives were instructed to press for early action by County Councils of Defense.

Among other developments discussed at the meetings were:

Some local Councils of Defense have issued their own identification cards for corps members, but these should be replaced by State cards in the interests of uniformity.

With blackout lighting equipment for motor vehicles still not available, plans are being made to issue 100,000 authorizations for emergency vehicles in the state and to prescribe methods of reducing illumination in blackouts.

Nurses are being called into the armed services at an accelerated rate, and thousands of Nurses Aides are needed to help fill their places.

Plans are being made to conduct "war gas" courses for Emergency Medical Officers at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

ELECTED MEMBER

Mathias H. Richards, of the Philadelphia Public Schools, has been elected to membership on the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests.

MANY SEEK ENTRY TO SERVICE CORPS

The first wave of applications for U. S. Citizens Service Corps membership is being experienced in Pennsylvania, with Berks County alone reporting 2500 applicants.

"Organization of this new corps should go forward rapidly as soon as county and local Councils of Defense complete their appointments of Service Corps chiefs," said Mrs. E. A. VanValkenburg, head of this division in the State Council of Defense.

"Prompt action is urged," she said, "so that persons who have qualified for membership by serving 50 hours or more in volunteer non-protective work can be given their due recognition."

County Chiefs of Service Corps whose appointments have been reported to the S.C.D. include:

Adams, Luther D. Snyder; **Allegheny**, Hon. Lois McBride; **Berks**, Mrs. Margaret R. Klein; **Blair**, Mrs. Homer S. Biddle; **Butler**, Mrs. Francis McCafferty; **Carbon**, Miss Nan R. Jenkins; **Centre**, Henry Brockerhoff; **Chester**, Mrs. Russell P. Brewer.

Columbia, Dr. Kimber Kuster; **Dauphin**, Herbert L. Smith; **Delaware**, Mrs. Ralph S. Lindenmuth; **Elk**, Miss Margaret Lauder and Miss Audrey Smith; **Lackawanna**, Morris Goodman and Mrs. Paul Kirby; **Lawrence**, Dr. C. C. Green; **Lehigh**, Mrs. J. M. Stedman.

Luzerne, Frank L. Pinola; **Lycoming**, Mrs. Fenton Hayes; **Mifflin**, Harold P. Hanna; **Montgomery**, Mrs. Franklin Spencer Edmonds and Mrs. L. Alan Passmore; **Northumberland**, Harris O. Renninger; **Philadelphia**, Mrs. Francis R. Strawbridge; **Schuylkill**, Robert R. Shaub; **York**, Mrs. Jay H. Arnold.

The Telephone Information Bureau of the Philadelphia Council of Defense has answered 18,000 questions since its inception last January . . .

TEA AIDS WAR

Pewter articles, many of them heirlooms, were contributed at a tea last week marking the opening of new headquarters of the State Council of Defense Salvage Committee in the State Museum Building. Pewter is used in war production.

Presiding at the tea were Mrs. William J. Clothier, member of the State Council of Defense; and Mrs. Albert Schmidt, wife of the Dauphin County Salvage Chairman.

ADVISE AIR RAID DRILLS IN SCHOOLS

Intensive air raid drills for schools are recommended by the State Council of Defense and the State Department of Public Instruction now that the new school year has opened.

School leaders are instructed in the OCD pamphlet "Protection of School Children and School Property" to make sure that shelter sections are designated in each building, preferably in wide corridors away from windows.

In case a school building is unsafe, a safe structure nearby should be selected, and the school should be placed on the yellow warning list so that there will be time to transfer the pupils.

ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS

In a pamphlet of instructions issued to its users, the Lewistown-Reedsville Water Company recommends that buckets of water be kept on each floor for use in case of bombings.

DECONTAMINATION SQUAD removes gas "victim" to casualty station during demonstration at horse show sponsored by York City-County Council of Defense. Squad members wear masks, gas-proof suits and shoes.

Many Surprise Drills Scheduled

The "breathing spell" which has followed the August 18 joint blackout drill with New Jersey has given more than a score of Pennsylvania cities and districts a chance to hold local surprise blackouts and daylight drills.

The nine-county Pittsburgh district staged its first daylight air raid drill on August 26, and the five-county Philadelphia district held its fourth unannounced daylight practice last week. The Pittsburgh test was announced in advance.

Altogether, more than 20 surprise drills have been authorized by the State Council of Defense during September, many of which are scheduled for this week and next week. Counties where the drills have already been held include Lancaster, McKean, Snyder, and Dauphin.

No announcement has been made of plans for the next state-wide drill. Three state-wide blackouts have been staged to date.

NEW AIR RAID HORN APPROVED BY OCD

A small horn designed to sell for about $50 has been approved by the Office of Civilian Defense as an air raid warning device, and application for priorities has been filed with the War Production Board.

The new horn, known as the "Signalphone," is the little brother of the Victory Siren and is the only small device tested by the Bureau of Standards which has been found to meet the OCD's requirements of effectiveness, cost, dependability and conservation of strategic materials.

JOHNSTOWN OFFICIALS PLAN FINGERPRINTING

Between 35,000 and 45,000 persons will be fingerprinted in Johnstown, according to Chief of Police A. J. McDevitt, who, along with trained members from his department, will be in charge of the work.

Members of the Citizens Defense Corps will be the first to have their impressions taken, to be followed by school children.

MESSENGERS FORM CLUB

In an effort to develop interest and efficiency in its training program, the messengers attached to the Citizens Defense Corps in West Bridgewater, Beaver County, have organized a Messenger's Club, one of the first of its kind in the State.

Courtesy Scranton Tribune

OPENING of new Scranton Filter Center as headquarters of the Army Aircraft Warning Service in northeastern Pennsylvania and parts of New York and New Jersey was observed this month. Details, including recruitment of 1,000 women volunteers by the Scranton Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, was discussed by conferees shown above. Left to right—Bottom row, Madeline McDonnell, Mrs. C. Welles Belin, Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg (S.C.D. staff), Mrs. Rose Levy, Mrs. M. M. Ammerman; Top row, C. W. Bennett (S.C.D. regional representative), Lt. R. A. Sanderson, Capt. J. E. Drum, Jr., Pvt. J. J. Slocum, and Chairman John B. McDade of Scranton Council of Defense.

Soldiers To Abide By Air Raid Rules

Regulations governing movements of both Army personnel and municipal policemen during actual or practice air raids and blackouts have been issued by the State Council of Defense.

Army personnel will abide by orders from Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, commanding officer of the Third Service Command, to the effect that they shall pass through the air raid lines only when engaged on a military mission of immediate necessity.

Air raid wardens are to pass without challenge any military personnel travelling in formation, but in the case of individual officers or enlisted men the wardens are to consult their identification cards.

In the regulation affecting policemen, the State Council directed that no special identification is needed by officers attired in regular police uniforms but that they must display Auxiliary Police armbands when in civilian clothes. Such armbands are to be issued upon proper certification by the chief of police.

A similar procedure was decided upon earlier for regular firemen. They are to receive Auxiliary Fireman armbands.

News From Local Councils

The **Greencastle** Council of Defense, headed by G. Fred Zeigler, marked its first anniversary by publishing a complete report summarizing its activities and expressing thanks to the community for cooperation

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The **Jeannette** Air Raid Wardens organization has published a 108-page Civilian Defense Manual. F. Dale Friend, the editor, announced that 5,000 copies have been printed to date, and proceeds are being used for the purchase of air raid wardens' equipment.

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Union County has opened a Volunteer Office at **Lewisburg,** headed by Mrs. J. Orin Oliphant . . . Plans are being made for a Mobilization Day in September.

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Volunteer Hose Co. No. 1 and the City Council of **DuBois** have presented a truck equipped for seven stretcher patients to the city's Council of Defense.

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In conjunction with a Bond Sale rally in **Lewistown,** Judge W. W. Uttley of the Mifflin County Court administered the oath to 978 members of the Citizens Defense Corps . . . 900 auxiliary police, messengers and wardens in **Upper Darby** Township were given the oath by Judge Harold Ervin . . . 500 Civilian Defense volunteers were given arm bands during exercises in **McKeesport.**

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Following the announcement by the State Council of Defense that many communities have an excess of air raid wardens and a shortage of fire watchers, 1,400 **Scranton** air raid wardens have voluntarily transferred to the fire watchers corps.

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More than 6,500 persons attended the **Westmoreland** County defense rally at Idlewild Park, August 15 . . . The **Bucks** County Council of Defense has established Baby Food Banks to care for possible evacuees . . . Various units of the Citizens Defense Corps will participate in **Philadelphia's** Navy Day parade Oct. 25.

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Ray Donner, **Sharpsville,** is the new Chief Air Raid Warden of **Mercer** County, succeeding Charles B. Steeger . . . **Radnor** Township will open new Civilian Defense headquarters September 19 . . . The John B. Stetson Co. plant Civilian Defense organization in **Philadelphia** is comprised of 817 volunteers.

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New Council of Defense appointments throughout the state include: Joseph W. Butler, chairman in **Lansdowne;** John Yacos, Jr., **Portage** chairman; John Popson, chairman of the **Bellefonte** district; and John D. M. Hamilton, former national political figure, chairman of the Tri-Township Council of Defense in **Chester** County.

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Plans for registration of 900 women air raid wardens have been formulated by officials of the **Scranton** CDVO, with Edward Puhl, chief air raid warden . . . The women will be assigned exclusively to daylight patrols, and will supplement the force of 1,900 men.

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All possible percautions are being planned so that the **York** Interstate Fair from Sept. 15 to 19, can cope with any blackouts . . . Fifteen air raid wardens will be assigned to the grounds each night.

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"We will have to start all over again," reported Mrs. Philip Shaw, chairman of the **Coudersport** CDVO, in referring to the recent flood that destroyed all record cards . . . She made a request for 1,000 new cards to be used as replacements.

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The sale of two Civil War cannons at **McKeesport** has brought the city's total of scrap metals to 1,643,775 pounds . . . One of the cannons weighed 14,550 pounds and the other 10,925 pounds.

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Twenty-eight air raid shelters have been approved by **Philadelphia** Civilian Defense officials and are now ready for use . . . Ninety others will be available as soon as minor improvements have been completed.

NUTRITION COUNCIL MEETS SEPT. 18, 19

Dr. A. C. Marts and two other staff members of the State Council of Defense will speak at the fourth meeting of the Pennsylvania Nutrition Council to be held Sept. 18 and 19 in the Education building, Harrisburg.

Dr. Marts will speak on "Pennsylvania at War," while Dr. Warren B. Mack will discuss the Victory Garden program, and Mrs. Conway Zirkle will outline the work of the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests which she heads.

OLD WEAPONS JOIN NEW WAR AS SCRAP

Cannons, machine guns, tanks, and other mementoes of past wars are being contributed by veterans' posts and other agencies to swell the rising tide of scrap needed to defeat America's enemies. An appeal for these old weapons was issued recently in Washington.

SECURITY OFFICER

Winfield C. Cook has been named acting Facility Security Officer for the Third Civilian Defense Region. His duties are to help coordinate anti-sabotage activities in the region.

Blackout Shorts

The joint Pennsylvania-New Jersey air raid and blackout drill August 18 provided the first realistic test for at least three Pennsylvania control centers. . . . **Columbia** County's new control center at **Bloomsburg** was operated for the first time under blackout conditions. . . . Installation of **Wilkes-Barre's** center had just been completed at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the blackout. . . . The newly renovated Area 3 center in **Bangor**, Northampton County, was also placed in operation.

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In Williamsport, 10,000 persons, including Mayor Leo Williamson, were attending a community sing at Bradon Park. . . . Singing continued during the blackout. . . . Thousands of persons dispersed quickly after gathering to witness a patriotic parade in Reading. . . . More than 1,500 people were attending a first aid demonstration at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg.

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Lancaster reported a successful practice incident involving the evacuation of 73 persons from an apartment house in ten minutes. . . . Ten **Allentown** air raid wardens attending the annual Exchange Club clambake had their armbands, but were unable to reach their posts.

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In Pittsburgh, Pvt. Geoffry Clayton of Britain's R.A.F., expressed approval of the blackout, and remarked that it was much the same as in London.

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Two **Montoursville** youths were killed in a motorcycle collision, while driving without lights, after ignoring orders of air raid wardens. . . . Russell J. Thurston, Sr., a **Milton** air raid warden, died of a heart attack while on patrol.

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Complaints of leaks marred the test in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas. . . . A number of communities reported an excess of telephone calls immediately following the all-clear signal.

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Major Harry D. Case, chairman of **Lebanon** County Council of Defense, reported that **Indiantown Gap** cooperated 100 per cent, but that some citizens in the county still felt, "it can't happen here."

HOW GOOD ARE WE?

(From article by A. C. Marts, Executive Director, State Council of Defense, in Philadelphia Inquirer of Aug. 16, 1942)

I have been asked "How well prepared are we for air raids?" I don't think anyone can say until we are actually put to the test. The Army, with its Air Raid Warning System and its fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns, will do its best to keep the enemy away. Civilians cannot do anything about the planes that get through except to minimize the loss of life and property.

Our Citizens' Defense Corps is like an army that never has smelled gun-powder. Some of us are going to prove better than others. On the whole I believe this Civilian Defense army is going to prove itself brave and intelligent and resourceful.

CONSUMER GROUP FACES NEW TASKS

Organization and education have been the primary efforts during the first year of the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests, but a number of other problems will be faced in the future, reports Mrs. Conway Zirkle, chairman.

The new problems include: Continuing education through radio, bulletins and study courses; alertness in protecting living standards which may be endangered by changes due to the war; and increased effort toward protecting the living standards of the low income groups.

Nearly 100 certificates have been issued to Consumer Committee members completing the sumer In Wartime."

NEW PERIODICALS DEVOTED TO DEFENSE

Two new national periodicals devoted to Civilian Defense are now available by subscription to Council of Defense leaders.

The first, a magazine entitled *Civilian Defense,* is published monthly by the Dartnell Corp., Chicago, at a cost of $2.00 per year. The second is a weekly newspaper, *Civilian Front,* just started in Washington, D. C., and available at $2.00 per year or 10 issues at $1.50 per month.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week, to be observed nationally from October 4 to 10, will give Councils of Defense an opportunity to reemphasize the lessons in fire defense that they have been teaching in connection with air raid precautions.

Official Fire Prevention Week posters will be widely distributed and many Councils of Defense will join with local fire companies in stressing fire precautions.

DEFENSE COUNCIL HEADS APPOINTED

New heads have been named for three County Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania. Appointments are,

Louis B. Round, New Castle, as executive director in Lawrence County, succeeding Lt. Col. W. Fulton Jackson, who has entered active military service; Henry A. Brockerhoff, Bellefonte, chairman of the Centre County Council, replacing Charles E. Freeman, who has been named regional representative for the State Council of Defense; and Senator Anthony Cavalcante, Uniontown, succeeding John W. Rankin, who resigned as chairman of Fayette County Council.

CAMPAIGN LOWERS WATER CONSUMPTION

The Water Conservation Campaign sponsored by the Philadelphia Metropolitan District Council of Defense, has resulted in a 50 million gallon daily decrease in water consumption during June and July, compared with the same period last year.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council of Defense, praised this response, but cautioned that "the effort must be continued without let-up."

NUMBER, PLEASE

Actual check-ups have revealed that Local Councils of Defense in some localities do not have their addresses and telephone numbers listed with the telephone information service.

Since the Defense Council headquarters and the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office are the nerve centers of Civilian Defense, it is considered vital that all Defense Councils arrange with the telephone company for proper listings.

MANY CITIES PLAN HARVEST EXHIBITS

At least 30 county and local Victory Garden Committees have started plans for a Community Harvest Show as part of a nation-wide program to demonstrate results of Victory Gardens and to raise funds for the Army and Navy Relief Societies.

Philadelphia's show, October 1, 2, and 3, is expected to be the largest. About 250 demonstrations are planned in the schools from victory gardens maintained by children.

Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the State committee, has requested that all local committees complete a census of Victory Gardens and submit reports before Sept. 25.

Washington Group Plans Recreation

Arrangements for housing of troops on convoy and establishment of entertainment and emergency feeding facilities have been completed by the Welfare and Recreation Committee of the Washington County Council of Defense, John N. O'Neil, chairman, reported.

With the cooperation of the Board of Recreation, Washington City Council and School District, adequate recreational facilities have been arranged for the public, including the use of a large open pavilion for dancing.

STORES AT LEBANON TAKE SAFETY MEASURES

Safety of customers during air raids or drills is being stressed at a school of instruction in Lebanon which is being attended by representatives of 46 local stores.

The school emphasizes provisions for blackouts in the stores, and conduct and organization of personnel. It is being conducted by the Merchants Division, Frank S. Haak, chairman, in cooperation with the Lebanon County Council of Defense, Major H. D. Case, chairman.

LUZERNE LEADS IN VOLUNTEER POLICE

Governor James has commissioned 18,424 Volunteer Police Officers to protect public works in Pennsylvania since America's entry into the war. The commissions are issued under an act of July 18, 1917.

Luzerne county, with 1,883 commissions, leads the list of counties in number of commissions. Applications are submitted to Thomas D. Frye, State Council of Defense, and are then referred to Governor James.